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"*The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers.*"—1 PETER iii. 12.

PREFACE.

THIS Book of Prayers is a token of the interest which the Church of Scotland takes in the seafaring community.

Remembering that some of the dearest friends of our Lord Jesus Christ when He was upon the earth were fishermen, and knowing the Christian worth of many of our toilers on the sea, and the hardships and perils of their lot in life; and believing that the spirit of devotion to God which is manifested in worship and in prayer is of great importance to all men, and specially to those whose calling is arduous, perilous, and full of temptation, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has directed its Committee on Aids to Devotion to issue this Prayer-book for Sailors and Fisher-folk.

It is well known that many of our sailors and fisher-folk do not need a book to help them either in their public or private prayers; but it is also well known that many of them do

need such help, and that for want of it their prayers are hindered. This book is intended to give such help.

There are many occasions when the Christian men in a ship's company or a boat's crew might worship God together, and do not, simply because none of their number dare trust himself to lead the rest, and there are many occasions on which prayers would be most becoming; say at a burial at sea, when there is a storm, when an accident has occurred to one of the crew, or when there is serious sickness on board; but from natural diffidence, or simply from not knowing what to do or say, the duty and comfort and sustaining power of prayer is wanting.

This book is intended for use on such occasions, and any one who will take the trouble carefully to look through it will find in it prayers suited to all the varying circumstances of seafaring life.

There are two services for the Lord's Day which can be used on board a ship of war, a liner, a merchant ship, or a fishing-boat, with special prayers which can be introduced into the services as occasion demands.

There is a service for the sick in hospital, and a short service which can be read to a sick shipmate, with special prayers to suit the conditions of the sick.

There is a Burial Service which can be used when no clergyman is available.

There are prayers for the use of fishermen afloat and in the fisherman's home.

For the convenience of those who may not be able to carry a Bible about with them, and in order that the proper Scripture material for a service may always be at hand in one volume, several appropriate passages of Holy Scripture are printed at the end of the book.

We invite those into whose hands this book may come to look carefully through it, when we are sure that they will find some prayers suitable to themselves and their circumstances.

We commend the book to all who are interested in sailors and fisher-folk, and specially to societies which exist for the purpose of conducting missions to seamen, in the hope that they will use it and recommend it to those whom they seek to influence for good.

We wish our sailors and fisher-folk God-speed; and our prayer is, that they may continue stedfast in the faith of Christ, and may come at last into the haven of eternal rest.

By authority of the Committee on Aids to Devotion,

JOHN PATON, D.D.,
Convener.

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Morning Service.

INTENDED TO BE USED WHEN A FEW SAILORS OR FISHERMEN CAN MEET TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP, EITHER AFLOAT OR ASHORE.

The Service may begin with singing a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.

"Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein, the isles and the inhabitants thereof."

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power, for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."

Let us Pray.

O LORD our God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn unto Thee and live; and hast sent Thine

only and well-beloved Son to suffer the cruel death of the cross, that by Him we may have access to Thy throne of grace; we approach Thee in His holy name, acknowledging Thee to be our God and heavenly Father, and desiring to render unto Thee the praise and worship of faithful servants, and loving children.

O most merciful Father, we acknowledge before Thee that we are sinners, and that, without Thy grace, there can be in us no goodness.

We confess, O God our Father, all our sins against Thee. It is against Thy pure and holy law that we have rebelled. It is against Thy great love that we have sinned when we have disobeyed Thee. It is Thy mercy that we have misused when we have been careless and foolish. We acknowledge our transgression; and our sin is ever before us. Against Thee, Thee only, have we sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight.

We thank Thee, O God, with all our heart, that Thou hast promised to pardon our sins. Have mercy upon us, O God, and cleanse us from our sins. We put our trust in the merits of Thy beloved Son, who gave Himself a sacrifice for our sins; and for His sake we beseech Thee to take away all our iniquity, to receive us graciously, and to supply all our need.

O Lord, of Thy good pleasure, shed abroad

Thy love in our hearts by the Holy Spirit; granting us, if it be Thy holy will, to know that we are Thy reconciled children in Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea—our sun and shield, our refuge and defence, the strength of our heart and the rock of our salvation—enable us to put our trust in Thee. Teach us with full assurance to look up to Thee as our reconciled God and Father in Christ Jesus, and graciously remember Thy word unto Thy servants, on which Thou hast caused us to hope, that Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Pardon, O God, whatever want of confidence we have shown towards Thee, and lead us henceforth by the teaching of Thy Holy Spirit to trust in Thee with all our heart. Help us to rely on the goodness of Thy providence. Increase our faith in the promises of Thy Word. Dispose us to cast upon Thee all our cares, humbly to commit to Thy keeping all our interests, and earnestly to seek the guidance of Thy wisdom and the aid of Thy strength in all our undertakings.

Teach us, O God of all grace, to depend on the merciful provisions of Thy Gospel. Counting all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord, may we seek to win Christ, and to

be found in Him, having the righteousness which is by faith. Convince us that without Him we can do nothing, but that through His strength we can do all things. May we be persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Honour and praise be to Thee, O Lord God Almighty, for all Thy mercy and loving-kindness shown unto Thy people. We thank Thee for creating us after Thine own image; for redeeming us when we were lost, with the precious blood of Thy beloved Son; for sanctifying us with Thy Holy Spirit through the revelation and knowledge of Thy Word; for helping us in all our necessities; for saving us from dangers of body and soul; for comforting us with Thy fatherly pity in all our tribulations; for giving us so long a time of repentance; and for enabling us, the living in the land of the living, to praise Thee as we do this day.

Fill our hearts with such zeal for Thy glory, that our constant endeavour may be to serve and worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Deliver us from the wiles of the devil, the snares of the world, the evil desires and affections of the flesh, and from all that may in any wise hinder us in Thy service. May Thy

Holy Spirit take such full possession of our hearts that the whole course of our lives may be ruled and guided by His power. And grant that the rest of our time in this world may be so spent in Thy fear and love, that we may end our lives in Thy favour, and finally come to Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gracious God, in whom alone dwelleth all fulness of light and wisdom, be pleased to enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to understand Thy Holy Word. Give us grace to receive it with reverence, and humility, and faith; and enable us so faithfully to obey it, that by our godly lives we may set a good example to our brethren, and glorify Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

Here may be read a portion of the Old Testament and of the New Testament, and thereafter a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn may be sung.[1] *A short Address may be given, or a Sermon read, and another Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn may be sung.*

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Let us Pray.

O GOD, who hast caused the light of Thy Word clearly to shine among us, and hast plainly instructed us in the way of salvation, let it please Thee to cause the light from heaven so to shine into our hearts and minds, that we may possess the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Cause the Gospel of Christ to come to us, not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; and enable us to receive it, not as the word of men, but as Thy Word, O living God, which worketh effectually in them that believe.

Enable us all, O Lord, daily to increase in the knowledge and love of Thee our God, and of Thy Son Jesus Christ. Every day may we be more and more zealous in the duties of religion; more frequent and more fervent in our prayers and thanksgivings; more serious in our repentance and humiliations; more desirous and better fitted to take part in all holy ordinances, and more regular and exemplary in our lives and conduct.

O God our Father, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and who hast commanded us to love the brotherhood and to fear Thee, enable us in the bonds of true

charity to pray for all our brethren of mankind.

Bless them, O God, that bless Thee. Sanctify them that put their trust in Thee. Save Thy people and bless Thine heritage. Give Thy peace to Thy world, to Thy Churches, and to Thy ministers, because every good gift cometh down from Thee, the Father of lights.

Grant, O Lord, that the whole world may be enlightened with the knowledge of Thy saving truth, and that Thy kingdom of grace may so universally prevail over all the earth, that Thy kingdom of glory may be hastened, and that Thy will may be done in earth as it is in heaven.

O God, who rulest over all nations, setting up one and bringing down another according to Thy will, look down with favour, we beseech Thee, on the British Empire, with all its colonies and dependencies. Promote its interests, both civil and religious, and grant that the manifold privileges we enjoy may continue unimpaired to the latest generations.

We pray for all who are in authority, especially for his most sacred Majesty King Edward, that Thou wouldst enrich him with all heavenly blessings. Protect his person; prosper his government; and make him an honoured instrument in Thy hand for the preservation and diffusion of Thy truth. We pray for her gracious Majesty Queen Alex-

andra, for the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, that they may be enabled to adorn their exalted station with the virtues of a godly and religious life. Bless and guide all in authority in the empire, and grant that the whole community under them may lead quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and honesty.

We commend our army and navy to Thy protection, beseeching Thee to support them in all hardships, and to grant them defence and deliverance in all perils, and victory over all their enemies.

Father of mercies, we implore Thy tender compassion for all whom Thou hast visited with any affliction. Relieve the destitute; heal the sick; protect the friendless; comfort the bereaved; support the dying, and prepare them for their change. Give to all Thine afflicted ones abundant consolation, and a good hope through grace; and cause Thy fatherly chastening, though for the present grievous, to yield unto them afterward the peaceable fruit of righteousness.

We pray for our kindred, our friends, and our benefactors, that they may prosper in all things, and be in health, and above all, that their souls may prosper. We pray also, that Thou wouldst grant Thy forgiveness to such as have in any way injured us, and that Thou wouldst enable us from the heart to forgive them.

Bless us in all the works of our hands. Guide and sustain us amid the perils of our calling, and make us heartily content with whatsoever in Thy providence Thou art pleased to send.

Almighty God, who hast given the sea Thy decree, and whose dominion is over the fish of the sea and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the sea, grant Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, to all who go down to the sea in ships and do business in the great waters.

Be pleased, for Christ's sake, to bless Thy servants who now pray to Thee. Preserve us in times of storm; guide us in all our courses and in all our ventures, and prosper us in all things. Bless our loved ones in their homes; keep them from fear for us, and grant unto them the gift of perfect trust in Thee, their God and Father in Jesus Christ.

May the love of Christ be with us all to save us and make us glad. May the Holy Spirit be with us to sanctify us and keep us in the way of life. May the sense of Thy presence be ever with us, to be the strength of our life and our eternal portion.[1]

Hear these our humble prayers, O God most high, pardon their imperfections, and grant us an answer in peace. Take us all into Thy gracious keeping. Lead us all forward and upward by the power of Christ dwelling in us. Teach us that we are Thine,

[1] *Here take in any of the special prayers from pages* 20-35.

and heirs of the heavenly kingdom; enable us all to press toward the mark for the prize of Thy high calling; and finally, through the abounding merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord, give us a place in the eternal glory; and to Thee the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we ascribe all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Then may be sung a Psalm or Hymn.

Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all. **Amen.**

Evening Service.

INTENDED TO BE USED WHEN A FEW SAILORS OR FISHER-FOLK CAN MEET TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP, EITHER AFLOAT OR ASHORE.

The Service may begin with singing a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.

"Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in heaven and in earth, in the seas and all deep places. Lord, Thou art God, which hast made heaven and earth, the sea and all things that are therein."

"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

Let us Pray.

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord; hear us, for we are poor and needy. Rejoice the souls of Thy servants;

for unto Thee do we lift up our souls. For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we present ourselves before Thee trusting not in our own worthiness, but in Thy manifold mercies. We thank Thee that Thou hast promised to hear our prayers, for the sake of Thy beloved Son; and hast also commanded us in His name to meet together, and that He has given the assurance that He will be in the midst of us.

Wherefore we beseech Thee, most gracious God, to look down upon us in pity. Cast us not out of Thy sight on account of our sins, which deserve Thy wrath; but graciously receive us for the merits of Jesus Christ, in whom thou art ever well pleased. For His sake, let it please Thee to remember us with the favour which Thou bearest unto Thine own, and to visit us with Thy salvation.

Enable us to love Thee, the Lord our God, with all our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind; and graciously cause Thy Holy Spirit so to dwell in us, that all our thoughts, and words, and deeds may be to the praise and honour of Thy name. May our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify Thee, our Father in heaven.

O God, who hast called us of Thy free grace to be heirs of Thy heavenly kingdom with

Jesus Christ Thy Son, let it please Thee to increase our faith and knowledge, and so to enlighten our minds and sanctify our hearts, that we may stedfastly walk before Thee in all holiness, and finally obtain an entrance into Thy kingdom of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant also, O Lord, that we may be nourished by Thy goodness with all things which Thou knowest to be needful for us, and may be enabled to use Thy gifts with contentment and thankfulness. And because we are so frail and prone to evil, and so constantly beset by our spiritual foes that we cannot stand in our own strength, we earnestly beseech Thee so to arm us with Thy grace, and to strengthen us with the might of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may withstand all temptation, and finally obtain the victory over all our enemies.

We adore Thee, O God, as the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift. We thank Thee for the revelation which Thou hast made of Thyself, and of Thy holy will in the written Word, and in Christ Himself, the living Word, the life and light of men. And now we pray Thee of Thine infinite mercy so to cause the pure light of divine knowledge to shine into our hearts and minds, that we may comprehend the precepts of the Gospel of Christ. Plant in us also, we beseech Thee, the holy

fear of Thy blessed commandments, that, trampling upon all carnal lusts, we may seek a heavenly citizenship, both saying and doing always such things as shall please Thee.

O Lord our God, who knowest that we have daily need of Thy divine aid and guidance in our pilgrimage, dispose us, with true humility, to rely on the teaching of Thy Word and the grace of Thy Holy Spirit. Convince us of our ignorance and blindness; cause us ever to have recourse to Thee, lest in any way we be seduced by the wiles of the tempter or the wickedness of ungodly men; and so direct us, that we may at last come to that heavenly glory which has been purchased for us by the blood of Thy dear Son.

Graciously hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who hath taught us thus to pray:—

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who shinest upon us in Thy Word, to reveal the way of salvation, grant that we may behold and receive Thy truth. And as by nature we are blind, open our eyes, we beseech Thee; and let the inward light of Thy Spirit lead us to the clear shining of Thy Word. Suffer not the flame of faith, once kindled in our hearts, ever to be extinguished; but do Thou continually feed and sustain it, until at length we shall see Thee face to face, in the fulness of Thy glory.

O God, be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us: that Thy way may be known upon earth, and Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad, and sing for joy; for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be guided in ways of righteousness. Defend us in soul and

body from all evil. Take us into Thy good keeping all the days of our lives, and ever increase in us the gifts of Thy grace, until we be perfected in the glory of Thy Son Jesus Christ, who shall replenish our souls with His everlasting light and gladness.

We pray, O heavenly Father, in the spirit of Christ, for all our brethren of mankind. Be pleased to make known the way of salvation to all who now sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, that they may come forth into light, and may by faith receive the life eternal. Bring thine ancient people Israel, with the fulness of the Gentiles, into the Church of Christ.

Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, be pleased, we pray Thee, to bless Thy Church on earth; and grant unto all preachers and ministers of Thy Word the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, and to all Thy children grace, that they may believe unto salvation, and persevere in holiness unto the end. Bless the faithful and the strong. Confirm the fearful and the wavering. Grant to the seekers after truth that they may find in Christ the way, the truth, the life. Remove the doubts of the doubting; and cause, by Thine almighty power, the glory of the kingdom of Christ to prevail everywhere among the children of men.

Bless, we pray Thee, his most sacred Majesty King Edward, her gracious Majesty

Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Grant, O King of kings and Lord of lords, that they may all be members of the household of faith, and heirs of the heavenly kingdom.

O God, who rulest over all nations, setting up one and bringing down another according to Thy will, look down with favour, we beseech Thee, on the British Empire, with all its colonies and dependencies. Promote and strengthen good and wise government therein; and bless all the people with peace, to the praise of Thy holy name and the increase of the happiness of the whole world.

Enlighten and direct, by Thy heavenly wisdom, O God, we beseech Thee, all persons set in authority in the realm; and enable them, in their various stations and offices, to advance Thy glory and the public good.

Bless, we pray Thee, the British navy and army. May it please Thee to strengthen and protect all who serve therein, and to make them, under Thy will, the means of preserving peace and defending liberty.

Guide and protect all who travel by land or sea,—all exiles, all emigrants, and all who are solitary and desolate. Cheer them with a comfortable sense of Thy presence.

O God, who holdest the waters in the hollow of Thy hand, who stayest the rough wind in the day of the east wind, and who makest the stormy wind to fulfil Thy pleasure, bless and

keep, we beseech Thee for Christ's sake, all mariners and fishermen. Preserve them by Thine almighty power in every time of peril, give them faith in Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who stilled the tempest on the sea of Galilee, and grant that by the power of His love they may be saved.

God of all comfort, we commend unto Thee all those whom Thou hast in any wise afflicted; all nations visited with pestilence, famine, or war; all persons suffering from poverty, sickness, bondage, or other distress, whether of body or of mind; and we beseech Thee to show them Thy fatherly kindness, and to overrule all these evil things for their good, to the end that, turning with their whole hearts unto Thee, they may receive perfect consolation now, and in Thy good time full deliverance from all their troubles.

Prepare us, O God, for every event that may befall us. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Guide us by Thy counsel while we live, and afterwards receive us into glory.[1]

And now, Lord, what wait we for? Our hope is in Thee. Be pleased to accept our worship; to forgive our sins; and to grant us, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, what-

[1] *Here take in any of the special prayers from pages* 20-35.

soever good things we have asked of Thee in His name.

God of all grace, who hast called us unto Thine eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us perfect; stablish, strengthen, settle us; that in all things thou mayest be glorified, through Jesus Christ; to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Then may be sung a Psalm or Hymn.

Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all. **Amen.**

Special Prayers

TO BE USED IN

THE MORNING AND EVENING SERVICES.

I.

TO BE USED WHEN THERE ARE EMIGRANTS ON BOARD.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we, Thy children, who are now called in Thy providence to leave our native shores, and to pass through the great ocean, desire to commend ourselves to Thy care. We beseech Thee, who stillest the noise of the waves, and holdest the winds in the hollow of Thy hand, to deliver us, and those who sail with us, from all the perils to which we are exposed, and to grant us a swift and prosperous voyage to our desired haven. Preserve, O Lord, to the end, all our sojourning in this life, without harm and without storm.

We pray for those of us who are emigrating to a distant country, that it may please Thee, by whom all things are ordered, to provide for us new homes in the land of our adoption. Aid us in all our lawful undertakings. Bless us in our basket and our store. And above all, supply to us and to our families the means of grace, that our souls may be nourished and strengthened unto eternal life.

O Lord our God, from whom alone come strength and light, enable us to hold fast those precious truths of Thy blessed Word in which we have been instructed. Though far removed from the sanctuaries of our fathers, suffer us not, we beseech Thee, to be moved away from the faith and hope of the Gospel which we have heard.

O God of our fathers, we commend to Thy care our dear friends whom we have left in the land of our nativity. Encompass them with Thy favour as with a shield. Enrich them with the treasures of Thy grace. Cheer us from time to time with tidings of their welfare. And though we should never again see them in this world, may we meet them at last in our Father's house, and there be made perfectly blessed with them in the full enjoying of Thee to all eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.

ON THE OCCASION OF A STORM OR OTHER DANGER AT SEA.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble, have mercy upon us, and hear our prayer. Out of the depths do we cry unto Thee. Rebuke the wind and the sea, O God, and let there be a calm. Deliver us in this time of our extremity, that we may yet live to serve Thee, and to glorify Thy holy name.

We acknowledge that we have justly provoked Thy judgments. Our iniquities have taken hold upon us, so that we are not able to look up: they are without number, therefore our hearts fail us. O God, whose mercy is infinite, be Thou pleased to deliver us. O Lord, make haste to help us. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, we beseech Thee; for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, who is able to save to the uttermost the chief of sinners, receive us graciously, forgive us freely; restore unto us the joys of Thy salvation, and uphold us with Thy free Spirit.

Give Thy blessing to the captain, the officers, and sailors of this ship. Give them wisdom, courage, and endurance, that by Thy grace

they may bring us safely through this time of peril.

Help us all, O God, to commit ourselves to Thee, as to a faithful Creator and Redeemer, who hast said that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us. And if it be Thy will that these waters should overwhelm us, let our souls be safe in Thy hands, kept by Thy power unto life everlasting. Be merciful to our relatives and friends. Comfort them. Relieve their anxieties. Supply their wants. Forgive their sins. Encompass them with Thy favour as with a shield. And though we may never again see them in this world, may we meet them at last in the glories of Thy heavenly kingdom.

O God, for Christ's sake save us, or we perish. O hear us, for Thy mercies' sake, and send deliverance. Defer not, for Thine own sake, O our God. We do not present our supplications before Thee for our own righteousnesses, but for Thy great mercies, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

III.

THANKSGIVING FOR DELIVERANCE FROM A STORM OR OTHER DANGER AT SEA.

BLESS the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all our iniquities, who healeth all our diseases, who redeemeth our life from destruction, who crowneth us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. We render thanks and praise to Thee, O God, because Thou hast heard our voice and our supplications; because Thou hast inclined Thine ear unto us, therefore will we call upon Thee as long as we live. If it had not been the Lord who was upon our side, then had the waters overwhelmed us, the proud waters had gone over our soul. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

O let our mouth be filled with Thy praise, and may we seek Thy glory all the days of our lives. Enable us, with gladness, to pay Thee the vows which our lips uttered when we were in trouble, presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service.

Grant us deliverance, not only from Thy temporal judgments, but from that everlasting condemnation which our sins deserve. Justify

us freely by Thy grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Sanctify us wholly by Thy Spirit. Strengthen us with might for the patient endurance of every trial, and for the faithful discharge of every duty. May Thy great goodness to us, at this time, lead us to trust Thee more completely in the time to come. Guide us by Thy counsel while we live, and afterwards receive us into glory, for the Lord Jesus' sake. Amen.

IV.

ON REACHING THE END OF A VOYAGE.

MOST gracious God, our Father and Preserver, we thank Thee that, by Thy good hand upon us, we have been delivered from the perils of the deep, and brought in safety to our desired haven. Fill our hearts with gratitude and our mouths with praise for all Thy care and kindness; and help us to devote to Thy glory the lives which Thou hast spared.

[Guide us to our homes; and grant that we may there find in health and comfort our dear friends, from whom we have been so long separated.[1]]

[Be with us in this strange land, and grant

[1] *This or the following paragraph to be used, according as the port reached is at home or abroad.*

that in due season we may return to our homes in peace.]

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from the manifold temptations to which, on shore, we are exposed; from the snares of impurity, intemperance, and ungodliness, and from the corrupting influence of evil companionship and example. And let our conversation be in all things as it becometh the Gospel of Christ.

[Be gracious to those of us who are emigrating to a foreign land.[1] Watch over us during the remainder of our journey, and lead us by a right way to our destined habitation. To Thy fatherly care we commend the friends from whom we are severed, beseeching Thee ever to bless and to befriend them. Bestow upon them the bounties of Thy providence, and greatly enrich them with the treasures of Thy grace.]

Holy Father, we look up to thee for all needful guidance and counsel in our earthly pilgrimage. Go with us where we go, and dwell with us where we dwell. Let goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life, and at last may we dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Mercifully hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

[1] *This to be used if there are Emigrants on board.*

Special Prayers

TO BE USED

ON BOARD A SHIP OF WAR.

I.

TO BE USED BEFORE A BATTLE.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who rulest among the nations, setting up one and bringing down another according to Thy will, Thou that musterest the host of the battle, we come unto Thee in prayer, and ask Thee to be with us now, making us fit for every duty, and upholding us by Thine almighty power.

Teach our hands to war; make our arms strong; and gird us with might in the battle. Deliver us, if it be Thy will, from wounds and death, and grant us the victory. Remove fear far from us, and enable us to quit us like men. Prosper the just cause, O God, and bring us forth in safety from the midst of our enemies. Then will we give thanks unto

Thee, O Lord, and will sing praises unto Thy name.

Give now, O Lord, Thy grace to those of us who will fall in the battle. Prepare all such for death. Subdue the rage of battle in them before they die, that they may die in peace of spirit, with Thee and with all men.

Give patience and strength to those who will have to bear wounds and suffering for many days. In the exultation of victory keep us within the bounds of purity, sobriety, and of the Christian victor's joy, lest we forget Thee and the duties we owe to all men.

Forgive all our sins, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, and grant that there may be in us evermore the spirit of Christ Jesus our Lord, so that living or dying we may be His.

Bless all our dear ones in distant lands. Keep them and do them good, O God of our salvation; and, if it be Thy holy will, spare us to join them again in the land of our birth; but above all, grant to every one of us such faith and true holiness that, through Jesus our Lord, we may come at last into Thy heavenly kingdom.

O God, keep us all faithful unto death; and then do Thou give unto us the crown of life. **Amen.**

II.

TO BE USED AFTER A BATTLE.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who in Thy merciful providence hast covered our heads in the day of battle, and saved us from the hands of our enemies, we thankfully acknowledge Thy great goodness. May Thy grace enable us truly to thank Thee, and to devote to Thy service the lives which Thou hast spared. Because Thou hast been our help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will we rejoice. Because Thou hast delivered our souls from death, we will walk before Thee in the land of the living.

Continue to us, we beseech Thee, Thy protection, and teach us stedfastly to put our trust in Thee, as our reconciled God and Father in Christ Jesus, so that we may not fear before our enemies. Suffer us not to faint or be discouraged in the stress of war; and in success dispose us to give all the glory to Thee. Grant us Thine aid in our warfare, and continue to crown our arms with victory, that peace may be secured.

Father of mercies, have pity on the wounded. Relieve their sufferings; sustain their strength; render effectual the means used for their recovery; and let Thy chastening, though for

the present grievous, yield in them afterwards the peaceable fruit of righteousness.

Bless, O God, the friends and relatives of the fallen. Provide for their wants, and comfort them in their time of sorrow.

Teach us all, that in the midst of life we are in death, and by Thy grace prepare us for our change. Confirm our faith and hope in the Redeemer, who is able to save unto the uttermost all who come unto Thee through Him. Living or dying, may we be the Lord's.

Graciously accept our praises and answer our prayers, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

III.

THANKSGIVING AFTER A VICTORY.

LORD GOD of hosts, mighty in battle, we give Thee thanks for the victory with which it hath pleased Thee to crown our arms; and we pray that we, and all in authority over us, may by Thy grace be enabled to improve it to Thy glory, for the honour of our country, and for the good of all mankind.

Blessed be Thou, O Lord our strength, who teachest our hands to war and our fingers to fight; our fortress, our deliverer, and our shield, who savest us from the sword, and

subduest the people under us. Not unto us, O God, not unto us, but unto Thy name be the glory, for Thy mercy's sake.

We pray for the friends of those who have fallen in battle, that it may please Thee to comfort and support them, shedding Thy love abroad within their hearts, and teaching them to look beyond the fading glories of earth to the eternal brightness and blessedness of heaven.

Be Thou pleased to bless our enemies. Enable us from the heart to forgive them. Give peace in our time, good Lord.

Keep us all mindful how near we are to death, and help us with earnestness and watchfulness to prepare for it. Let the life we henceforth lead in the body be a life of faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us. And let it be our constant endeavour by Thy grace to fight the good fight of faith, until, having conquered the enemies of our souls, we shall at length reign and triumph in Thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation; in whose name we offer our thanksgivings and prayers, and to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, we ascribe all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

IV.

FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED.

FATHER of mercies and God of consolation, mercifully look down on our comrades who have been smitten with grievous sicknesses or painful wounds. Grant relief and comfort in their sufferings, and bless the means used for the recovery of their health and strength, that, being yet spared to serve Thee on the earth, they may give up the rest of their lives to Thy glory. But whatever be Thy will, O God, prepare them for it, and enable them with meekness to submit to it. Work in them unfeigned repentance for their sins. Give them stedfast faith in Thy Son Jesus Christ, and grant that, being at peace with Thee through Him, they may, whether in life or in death, be upheld with the assurance of Thy favour, and comforted with the hope of Thy heavenly kingdom.

We pray for our sick and wounded enemies, asking for them the blessings we seek for ourselves; and we pray that peace may speedily come.

Give ear, O God, to our humble supplications, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

V.

IN TIME OF WAR.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who rulest in the kingdoms of the earth and governest among the nations, who makest the wrath of man to praise Thee, and restrainest the remainder thereof; grant us deliverance, we beseech Thee, from the evils of war, with which Thou hast afflicted us. Humble us under the chastening of Thy mighty hand. Work in us unfeigned repentance for those sins whereby we have provoked Thy righteous displeasure. And vouchsafe, in answer to our humble supplications, that all those calamities which now threaten us may be stayed, and that the blessings of peace may be speedily restored to us.

Endue our statesmen and councillors, we beseech Thee, with wisdom to devise, and energy to execute, such measures as are most expedient at this time; and grant that all that they do may be for Thy glory, and for the good of this nation and of all men.

We commend to Thy care all soldiers and sailors, beseeching Thee to support them in all hardships, and to give them defence and deliverance in all perils. Let Thy wisdom guide them, and Thy strength uphold them, and Thy grace inspire them with confidence

and hope in Thee. Prepare them, O God, for whatever may befall them, that whether they live or die, they may be Thine. Cover their heads in the day of battle; and crown their arms with victory. So shall we, Thy people, ascribe all praise and thanksgiving unto Thee, who art the Giver of every good thing.

Hear us, O God, from heaven Thy dwelling-place, and grant an answer of peace, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

VI.

THANKSGIVING FOR PEACE.

O LORD our God, who stillest alike the noise of the waves and the tumult of the people, who breakest the bow, and cuttest the spear in sunder, who burnest the chariot in the fire, and makest wars to cease unto the ends of the earth, we render praise and thanksgiving unto Thee for restoring to us the blessings of peace. Suffer us not to provoke Thee, by our wickedness, to visit us again with Thy judgments; but teach us to show our gratitude for Thy goodness by a sincere and constant obedience to Thy holy will; and help us, both as individuals and as a nation, to improve the peace so happily re-established, to the glory of Thy name, the

advancement of Thy kingdom, the prosperity of our country, and the good of all mankind.

Hasten, we beseech Thee, that blessed time when the Prince of Peace shall everywhere take to Himself His great power and reign, and when under His dominion nation shall no longer rise up against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Graciously hear our prayers and accept our praises, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be glory everlasting. Amen.

Service for the Sick.

SPECIALLY INTENDED TO BE USED IN THE SICK-BAY.

"WE know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

"But now thus saith the Lord . . . When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee, for I am the Lord thy God."

"I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

LET US PRAY.

O LORD God Almighty, who hast revealed Thyself as the living God which made heaven and earth, and the sea and all things

that are therein, we come to Thee in our weakness, believing that Thou art willing to receive us, to hear our prayers, and to give us for Christ's sake the blessings that we need. We cast our care on Thee. Make haste to help us, O God of our salvation.

We make confession of our sins unto Thee, and humbly ask Thee for Christ's sake to pardon us, and to receive us into Thy godly favour. May these, our sicknesses and pains, teach us the frailty of human life on earth, and warn us that sin brings suffering and death, so that we may be taught to flee from sin unto Him who is holy, and who maketh holy, that we may have eternal life.

O God, have mercy upon us, for we are weak and sore vexed. Save us, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ. Give us faith in Him lest we perish. May He be our Redeemer, that we may live for ever.

O God, against whom we have sinned, if any of us have brought these sicknesses and pains, and this fear of death, upon ourselves by any impurity, intemperance, or folly, in mercy forgive us. Grant us a true repentance for the sin that is past, and in all coming time keep us pure and holy, by the grace of Christ and the power of Thy Holy Spirit.

Show us, O God, the nature of sin, and of its evil work, and enable us to flee for refuge from it unto Him who alone can save from sin and death. Defend us from all tempta-

tion, purify our minds from evil thoughts, and our hearts from evil desires, and enable us in holiness to serve Thee, while we pass through this life, and to glorify Thee for evermore in the life that is to come. These things we ask for Christ's sake.

O Lord, Thou knowest that Thy servants before Thee are often in fear and sore distress, and that we have hours of sad loneliness away from our native country and our friends. Grant us therefore evermore, we humbly pray Thee, a comfortable sense of Thy Fatherly presence, and power to understand that wherever we are Thou art with us, and that wherever Thy children are, Christ is with them to give them His heavenly blessing. O give us all a living and abiding faith in Christ.

O Almighty Lord, who art a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Thee, to whom all things in heaven and earth are subject, be now and evermore our defence, and make us to know and feel that it is only through Jesus Christ that we can receive health and salvation. O God, if it be Thy will that we should live, to us to live may it be Christ; and if it be Thy will that we should die, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may die in Christ, that to die may be gain. May we all have part in the blessed and holy life which is given by Christ, and which knows no ending.

We humbly ask Thee to pardon our sins, and to give us a sense of peace with Thee. May Thy peace, which passeth understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the love of Christ, and may the Holy Spirit so bless and sanctify us that we may rest continually in holy confidence in Thee.

We thank Thee for Thy Holy Word, with its tidings of salvation and good cheer; and we ask Thee to enable us, as we now read Thy Word, so to receive its glad message that it may be to us for guidance and light, for comfort and joy, to the praise of Thy great name for evermore. Amen.

READ.

Psalm ciii.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

He made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide; neither will He keep His anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth:

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

John xiv.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen Him.

Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen

the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father, that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works.

Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Verily. verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Judas saith unto him (not Iscariot), Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

Let us Pray.

BLESS to us, O God, the reading of Thy Holy Word, and enable us at all times to receive it as our guide in life.

Grant likewise, O God our Father, that out of Thy Word we may be able to take that comfort which we need in this time of our trial, of sickness, and pain. Keep us true to Thyself in Jesus Christ, and grant that we may come out of all these troubles holier, and fitter to serve Thee. Enable us to bear all that Thou dost send of trial, with humility and patience, remembering Him who, as our Redeemer, was made perfect through suffering.

Bless all who by their care and skill minister to the sick and dying, and specially those who minister in this ship. Direct them in all that they do for the relief of the sufferings of those for whom Christ died;

give them grace to follow in the footsteps of the great Physician; and grant that, as they minister to others, they may have the joy of knowing that their service is also unto Christ their Lord.

Bless, we pray Thee, O God, all our shipmates, and relations, and friends, giving to them in this life faith in Christ; and in the world to come, life everlasting.

O God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, grant unto us the good gift of faith, and enable us all perfectly to trust Thee now and evermore. If we die, enable us to die in Christ, that we may live for ever. If we are spared, enable us to spend the rest of our lives here in Thy fear and love, and zealously to do Thy will. O spare us a little that we may recover strength, before we go hence and be no more. Thy will, O Lord, be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Hear these our prayers, O God, we beseech Thee, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Blessing.

MAY the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all. Amen.

SHORT SERVICE TO BE USED AT THE BEDSIDE OF A SICK SHIPMATE.

"Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

"In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me."

Let us Pray.

O GOD, who ever governest Thy creatures with tender affection, incline Thine ear to our supplication; graciously regard this Thy servant who is suffering from bodily sickness, visit him with Thy salvation, and bestow the medicine of heavenly grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Almighty God, who by the might of Thy command drivest away from men's bodies all sickness and infirmity, be present in Thy goodness to this Thy servant, that his weakness may be banished and his strength recalled; and his health being thereupon restored, he may bless Thy holy name. Grant unto him the spirit of true repentance; and to him, being penitent, be Thou pleased, for Christ's sake, to grant remission of all sins, and grace unto holiness, the end of which is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give unto him, we beseech of Thee, O Lord, an abiding and sure faith in Thee, so that all fear being removed, he may possess his soul in peace, and may bear with patience whatever further trial Thou mayest send.

Give a bright and cheering hope that his spirit fail not in times of pain or weariness; but that he may be comforted by a sense of the heavenly sympathy of Jesus Christ, who bore the most bitter agony of the cross to save mankind.

Give unto Thy servant above all things, we pray Thee, power to rest in Thy fatherly love, as revealed in Jesus Christ the great Physician, that he may not fear any issue of this sickness, even though it be unto death.

Give Thy Holy Spirit in such measure that in this time of affliction his soul may be purified by trial and lifted up to the heavenly things which accompany salvation. Grant unto him the comforts of Thy Word, assurance of Thy favour, and a firm belief that all Thy good promises are true in Jesus Christ Thy Son our Saviour.

Prepare us all, O God, for whatever trials or sorrows may await us. And grant that, whether in health or in sickness, in joy or in grief, in life or in death, we may be enabled to glorify Thy name, and may be made fit to inherit Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READ.

Psalm cxxi.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Isaiah xliii. 1-3.

BUT now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee: and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be

burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.

1 *Peter* i. 3-9.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time:

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations;

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

LET US PRAY.

WE pray Thee, O Father in heaven, to bless to Thy servant these Thine own words of promise and of heavenly comfort. May he hope in Thy word. Be Thou his hiding-place and shield. Comfort him, O God, and quicken him after Thy loving-kindness; for Thou art a present help in every time of trouble. Strengthen him in the day-time when suffering and faint. Cause the light of Thy presence to cheer him in the night-watches, when the spirit is filled with fear; and grant that, his faith being rooted and grounded in Thee, patience may have in him her perfect work.

In place of the intercessions which follow, the Special Prayer which has reference to the case of the sick person may be used, concluding with the Lord's Prayer and Blessing.

MERCIFUL FATHER, who hast taught us in Thy Holy Word that Thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men, look with compassion, we beseech Thee, on this Thy servant.

Sanctify to him Thy fatherly correction, that it may yield in him the peaceable fruits of righteousness. Teach him to submit with meekness to Thy will. Comfort him with a persuasion of Thy favour. Support him with the hope of eternal life.

We earnestly pray that, if it seem good to Thee, Thou wouldst bless the means employed for his recovery, that his sufferings may be relieved, his health restored, and his days prolonged to serve Thee on the earth. But if Thou hast appointed that this sickness shall be unto death, prepare him, O God, to depart in peace, and mercifully receive him into those blessed mansions which are prepared in heaven for the redeemed.

Give to him, O Father in heaven, assurance of Thy favour. Give to him, O Christ, the peace which the world cannot give. Give to him, O Holy Spirit, the light and comfort which can guide through life and through death.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ONE WHOSE SICKNESS HAS BEEN LONG CONTINUED.

O GOD, Creator and Preserver of all things, look with compassion, we beseech Thee, on Thy servant, whom Thou hast seen fit to visit with long-continued sickness.

Have mercy on him, for he is desolate and afflicted. Receive him into Thy fatherly protection; for he hath recourse in his adversity to Thee alone. Though he be sore troubled, Thou canst send deliverance; though cast down, Thou canst lift him up; though weak and trembling, Thou canst give him strength and courage; though conscious of great and manifold transgressions, Thou canst make him holy.

Vouchsafe, O God, to him Thy mercy for the sake of Thy beloved Son.

We pray Thee to arrest his malady and to restore his health. But if it seem to Thee good to protract his trials, give him strength to bear them. Teach him to regard his present distresses as the wise and merciful corrections of his Father in heaven. Let Thy Holy Spirit settle in his heart those precious promises which are made to us in Christ Jesus, so that he may patiently wait all the days of his appointed time, until his change come; and when the hour of his departure

is at hand, support him with the hopes and consolations of Thy Gospel, that, trusting in Thy Word, his soul may depart in peace.

May it also please Thee, most merciful Father, to strengthen and comfort his relatives and friends, and all who minister to him in his affliction, that they faint not through overmuch labour and anxiety. Help them to cast their burden upon Thee, with the comfortable persuasion that Thou wilt sustain them. These things we ask, O God, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR ONE ABOUT TO UNDERGO A SERIOUS SURGICAL OPERATION.

O GOD, we commend to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, this Thy servant in an hour of pain and fearfulness. Give him strength to bear with fortitude what lies before him. May his faith in Thee, and in Christ his Saviour, strengthen him and cheer him. May he, as he suffers, remember what Christ has for him suffered. Grant wisdom, courage, and tenderness to his physicians; and, if it be Thy will, may what they do work in him a lasting cure. May he so patiently bear the wounding of his mortal body, that the dis-

cipline may tend to his growth in grace; and may he, by Thy mercy, be spared yet many days in the land of the living and place of hope, to thank and glorify Thee, who art a very present help in trouble. Grant this, we beseech Thee, O God, for Christ's sake.

Amen.

IN CASE OF SUDDEN ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who smitest and healest, who killest and makest alive, while none can stay Thy hand; give ear, we beseech Thee, to our earnest supplications in behalf of this Thy servant, whom Thou hast visited with sudden and severe affliction. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver him; O Lord, make haste to help him. Quicken him for Thy name's sake; and for Thy righteousness' sake bring his soul out of trouble. O spare him, that he may recover strength, before he go hence, and be no more.

Above all, grant that this sudden visitation may be overruled for his everlasting welfare. May it humble him under Thy mighty hand. May it lead him to exercise true repentance towards Thee and unfeigned faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and by Thy grace to cherish in his heart so deep a concern for the welfare of his soul, as no temptations shall be able to overcome. May he think

upon his ways, turn his feet unto Thy testimonies, and make haste to keep Thy commandments.

If it be Thy will that, in answer to our prayers, he should yet be spared in the land of the living, grant that he may, by Thy grace, be enabled to serve Thee more faithfully. But if it seem good to Thee to cut him off in the midst of his days, enable him meekly to bow to Thy holy will, and to depart in full assurance of faith. And grant him, through the merits and grace of the Redeemer, a portion in the inheritance of the saints.

Mercifully hear us, and grant an answer in peace, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

FOR ONE WHO IS INSENSIBLE OR DELIRIOUS.

LORD GOD, merciful and gracious, who knowest our frame, and hast compassion on our infirmities, look down in pity, we beseech Thee, on Thy servant, for whom, in his present sorely afflicted state of body and of mind, we desire to intercede.

We earnestly pray, O God, that it may please Thee to enlighten his darkness, and to restore to him the use of all his faculties, that he may be able clearly to discern the things which belong to his everlasting peace.

Arrest, if it be Thy will, the progress of his disease. Bless the means employed for its removal. Work for him a great deliverance for Thy mercy's sake; that, being restored to health of body and soundness of mind, he may be yet spared to serve Thee in the land of the living.

Above all, we entreat Thee to be merciful to his soul. Remember not against him former transgressions; remember Thy loving-kindnesses, which have been of old; and for the sake of Thy beloved Son, who bore our sins in His own body on the cross, receive him graciously, love him freely, and visit him with Thy salvation.

If it seem good to Thee in his present state to remove him from us, receive him, O Lord, unto Thyself, and in mercy give him, for Christ's sake, an entrance into Thy glorious kingdom, wherein the shadows that now lie dark upon him shall be removed, and in Thy light he shall see light.

Mercifully hear our humble supplications, for the Lord Jesus' sake. Amen.

FOR A SICK PERSON IN DEEP DEJECTION OF SPIRIT.

FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, we pray that this, our brother, who is tempted by fear and doubt, may be cheered

with the light of Thy reconciled countenance, and blessed with the consolations of Thy grace.

O Lord, rebuke him not in Thine anger, neither chasten him in Thy hot displeasure. Have mercy on him, for he is weak; heal him, for his soul is sore vexed. The troubles of his heart are enlarged; O bring Thou him out of his distresses. Look upon his affliction and his pain, and forgive all his sin. Let not the thought of Thy wrath lie hard upon him, nor the terror of Thy judgments distract or overwhelm him. Let him not doubt the truth of Thy promises, so graciously made in Thy beloved Son. Cause him to hear the voice of the Redeemer, inviting weary souls to come to Him and rest; assuring him that in no wise shall he be cast out. And let Thy Spirit work in him a lively faith, so that he may be filled with all joy and peace in believing, and may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Merciful Father, who hast comforted us with the assurance that Thou dost not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men, suffer not our sorrowing brother, we beseech Thee, to think by reason of these trials that Thou hast forgotten to be gracious to him. Trusting in Thee as a reconciled God, may he be persuaded that in faithfulness Thou art chastening him, not for Thy pleasure, but for his profit. And having Thy love shed abroad within his heart, may he know that all things work together for his good,

and that his present light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for him a far more exceeding, even an eternal weight of glory.

Grant, O God, if it be consistent with Thy holy will, that the malady of Thy servant may be removed, and that he may be spared to serve Thee on the earth. But if Thou shouldst have otherwise appointed, give him Thy grace to uphold him in a dying hour, that when he walks through the valley of the shadow of death he may fear no evil, because Thou, O Lord, art with him, and Thy rod and staff comfort him.

Grant these requests, O Father, in his behalf, and all other things which Thou knowest to be expedient for him, for the Lord Jesus' sake. Amen.

FOR A SICK PERSON WHEN THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF RECOVERY.

O GOD, in whose hand is the life of all mankind and the breath of every living thing, look with compassion on this Thy sorely afflicted servant, for whom we humbly offer our prayers.

Thou hast been pleased in Thy providence to bring him very low, and near to the gates of death; be pleased, therefore, we pray Thee, to give him Thy grace. Sustain his sinking

heart, and give to him in rich measure the consolations of the Gospel.

Let Thy Holy Spirit be shed on him abundantly, to strengthen him for the endurance of his sufferings, to witness with his spirit that he is a child of God, to purify him from all remaining sin, and to make him meet for the inheritance of the saints in light.

God of all grace, support him in his time of trouble, that his faith be not shaken, nor his hope clouded, nor his peace disquieted by the trials that encompass him. Into Thy hands may he be enabled to commend his spirit, knowing Him in whom he hath believed, and being persuaded that Thou art able to keep that which is committed to Thee against the great day. And if it be Thy will at this time to remove him from this world, grant him a peaceful departure out of this life, and graciously receive him to Thyself. Living or dying, O God, may he be Thine, safe in Thy hands, and acceptable in Thy sight.

Comfort his anxious relatives and friends. Enable them to cast their care on Thee. Teach them to submit with meekness to Thy holy will, and give them grace to improve Thy chastening to the everlasting welfare of their souls.

These things we ask of Thee, O heavenly Father, only for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

FOR ONE AT THE POINT OF DEATH.

O GOD, Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, look graciously, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, upon this Thy servant about to depart from this sinful world. Visit him with Thy salvation, and through the suffering and death of Christ Thy Son, mercifully grant him pardon and remission of all sin, that he in the hour of departure may find Thee a pitying Father; and, cleansed from all sin by the blood of Christ, may pass into life eternal, into peace and the heavenly glory.

O Lord, in Thy mercy grant that he may know Thee to be his reconciled God; that he may be sensible in spirit of the presence of Christ with him, and that the light of the Holy Spirit may enlighten him in the dark hour of death.

O Lord, in Thy mercy comfort, sustain, guide, and bless for evermore this our departing friend, for whom Christ has died. Into Thy hands we commend his spirit. O our God, keep him safe for evermore. Amen.

Prayers for the Use of Sailors, Fishermen, and Persons at Sea.

I.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea; under whose protection we are alike secure in every place, and without whose providence we can nowhere be in safety; look down in mercy on us, Thine unworthy servants, who are called to see Thy wonders in the deep, and to perform the duties of our vocation on the great waters. Let Thine everlasting arms be underneath and round about us. Preserve us in all dangers. Support us in all trials. Conduct us speedily and safely on our voyage, and bring us in peace and comfort to our desired haven. Bless the officers and sailors of this ship. Guide them in all times of perplexity and danger, and enable them continually to put their trust in Thee.

Be pleased to watch over the members of

our families, and all the beloved friends whom we have left behind. Relieve our minds from all anxiety on their account, by the blessed assurance that Thou carest for them. Above all, grant that our souls may be defended from whatsoever evils or perils may encompass them; and that, abiding stedfast in the faith, we may be enabled so to pass through the waves and storms of this uncertain world, that finally we may come to the haven of eternal rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who rulest over all, and doest according to Thy will in heaven, and in earth, and in the sea, grant unto us, as we pass through the great waters, Thy protection and guidance. Bless, we beseech Thee, the captain, the officers, and sailors of this ship, and all who sail with us. For our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who said to the waves, Be still, stretch Thy hand over the sea and shield us in every storm and peril, and bring us in safety to our desired haven.

Teach us in all our ways to acknowledge Thee; and help us in all difficulties and dangers to trust in Thee. Though deep should call unto deep, and all Thy waves and billows should go over us, yet do Thou

command Thy loving-kindness in the daytime, and cause Thy song in the night to be with us, and our prayer unto Thee, the God of our life.

Bless our homes, and care for our beloved friends. Fulfil, both to us and to them, Thy gracious promise that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us; and preserve us from ever leaving or forsaking Thee.

O Almighty God, give us all true faith in Thee, and that blessed hope in Christ Jesus our Redeemer, which is as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil. Hear this our prayer, we beseech Thee, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

III.

O LORD our God, who art present everywhere to hear and help us according to our need, dispose us at all times and in all places to trust in Thee. Cause us, even in the solitude of the ocean, to feel that Thou art not far from every one of us. And be graciously pleased to fulfil to us Thy word, that if we take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead us, and Thy right hand shall hold us.

To Thy care and guidance, O heavenly Father, we commit ourselves, and all who

are on board this ship, beseeching Thee to be our refuge and our strength, our very present help in trouble. Send favouring winds, and grant that, by Thy goodness, we may in due season reach in safety our appointed haven. O Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever, be Thou our hiding-place from the wind and covert from the tempest, so that, whatever dangers may surround us, our hearts and minds may be kept in perfect peace.

Bestow Thy blessing on our relatives and friends at home. Grant that they may prosper in all things, and be in health; above all, that their souls may prosper.

God of all grace, who hast blessed us hitherto, we humbly beseech Thee to bless us still. Uphold us by Thy power. Direct us by Thy wisdom. Sanctify us more and more by Thy grace. Deliver us from all the snares and temptations to which we are exposed; so that, having ended the voyage of life in peace, we may come at last to that heavenly kingdom which Thou hast prepared for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom be all honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

IV.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Maker and Preserver, we acknowledge that Thou art good unto all, and that Thy tender mercies

are over all Thy works. The earth is full of Thy riches; so is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. These wait all upon Thee, that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works: in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

We thank Thee that we are invited to commit all our ways unto Thee, and that Thou hast promised to direct our steps. Wherefore, we beseech Thee, leave us not to ourselves as we pass through the paths of the seas; but keep us safe by Thine almighty power.

O God, who carest for Thy children, for Christ's sake shield us from all danger. Suffer no evil to befall us, and no temptation to ensnare or overcome us. Assist us in all the duties of our calling; and guide us in peace and safety to our journey's end.

Bestow Thy favour on the captain, the officers, and the sailors of this ship. Give them wisdom and courage that they may rightly discharge every duty of their calling.

Bless and comfort our relatives and friends at home. May we and they, though separated in bodily presence, be ever joined together in the unity of faith and love. And at length, when the course of this mortal life is ended, may we meet them and dwell with them for ever in that land of blessedness and rest

which Thou hast prepared for Thy people, through Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Ghost, be all honour and praise for evermore. Amen.

V.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone commandest the winds and the waves, and they obey Thee; we, Thine unworthy and sinful creatures, would humbly address to Thee our prayers. We worship Thee as the living and true God, who hast made the earth, and sea, and all that is therein. Seeing Thy wonders in the deep, we magnify and exalt Thy glorious name, and ascribe unto Thee all dominion, and majesty, and glory.

We give Thee thanks for all that we have hitherto experienced of Thy goodness and care; and we beseech Thee still to vouchsafe to us, notwithstanding our unworthiness, the continued defence and bounty of Thy providence. Give Thy fatherly blessing to the captain and all on board this ship. Shield us from all dangers, seen and unseen. Speed us on our way, and bring us to our destination. Take all our absent friends under Thy protection, and grant that in due time we may be happily restored to them.

Above all, give unto us, O heavenly Father, the abundant influence of Thy Holy Spirit,

to enlighten our minds in the knowledge of Thy truth, to purify our hearts from indwelling sin, and to work in us both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. Enable us ever to hold faith and a good conscience, lest by putting them away we make shipwreck of the soul; and, being guided and governed by Thy blessed Spirit, may we finish the voyage of life in safety, and find entrance at last into the haven of eternal rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for whose second coming to judge the world we wait, and to whom, with Thee the Father, and with the Holy Ghost, one God, be glory everlasting.

Amen.

Service at the Burial of the Dead.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

"OUR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.

As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Let us Pray.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, in this hour of sorrow we come to Thee in prayer, for in Thee alone is our confidence and hope. For Christ's sake, be Thou pleased to hear us, and give us the blessing we need.

Seeing that it hath pleased Thee, in whose hand our life is, and whose are all our ways, to take away from among us another of our brethren, grant unto us who remain, faith in Thy great goodness, and the comfort we need while in the presence of death. By Thy Holy Spirit the Comforter, be pleased now to grant to us all, and specially to the relatives of our departed brother, a good hope in Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

We thank Thee, O God, that even now, standing here by this open grave, we can rejoice in Jesus Christ our Lord, believing that He has overcome the sharpness of death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. We praise Thee for the brightness

of the hope we have that they who die in Christ shall live with Him for evermore. And we humbly pray that we, who are here present, may be kept in everlasting fellowship with Him, so that when we depart this life, according to Thy will, our souls may be received into His presence with exceeding joy, and our flesh also may rest in hope till this mortal shall have put on immortality, and death be swallowed up in victory.

To us to live may it be Christ, that to die may be gain; so that living or dying we may be always Thine, safe in Thy hands, and acceptable in Thy sight.

Teach us all to live, as knowing that we must soon die. Let us not be slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. And seeing that the time is short, dispose us to weep, as though we wept not; to rejoice, as though we rejoiced not; to buy, as though we possessed not; and to use this world as not abusing it; because the fashion of this world passeth away.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto our cry; for we are strangers with Thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be

upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

TO BE USED IF THE FUNERAL IS AT SEA.

O GOD, Creator and Preserver of all, who holdest the waters in the hollow of Thy hand, and hast declared that in the great day of the resurrection the sea shall give up the dead that are in it, grant unto us, that as we now commit to the great deep the body of our departed brother, we may be able to look up to Thee, our Father, through Christ, and with a sure and certain hope that they who believe shall inherit everlasting life.

Guide us by Thy Spirit all the days of our life. Teach us to remember the things which pertain to the life which is eternal, and when our wanderings in this life are done, bring us, through faith in a crucified, risen, and glorified Redeemer, to our desired haven of eternal rest.

We commend unto Thee the friends of our departed brother, and pray Thee that, in their hours of sorrow, they may have joy and consolation in Thy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now, O God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of

the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work, to do Thy will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, is it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all. Amen.

PRAYER AT THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD AFTER A BATTLE.

O LORD God of hosts, who hast brought us in safety through the peril of battle, and hast at this time called us in sorrow to commit to the deep the dead bodies of our brethren in arms who have fallen, we desire

to approach Thee in prayer through Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation, asking Thee to enable us all to remember Thy great mercy, and the love of Christ, in whom is all our hope for this life and for the next.

Comfort, we beseech Thee, the friends and relatives of the fallen. Provide for their wants and alleviate their sorrows. Help them to bow in meek submission to Thy will. And in their bereavements draw them more closely unto Thee, who wilt never leave them nor forsake them.

We thank Thee, O God, that we have good hope that as these our brethren quitted themselves like men, and fell at last, faithful unto death, fighting for a righteous cause; so they died in faith in Christ, and now rest in peace, waiting for a blessed resurrection. And we pray that we who remain may be able to persevere in righteousness, so that, at last, having fought the good fight of faith, we may receive the crown of life, and a place in the heavenly glory. Amen.

Special Prayers.

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF A YEAR.

O GOD, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, enable us, we pray Thee for Christ's sake, with this new year, anew to dedicate ourselves and all we have to Thee. As we live by Thy grace, and rejoice in Thy bounty, may we be able to live to Thy praise, and to serve Thee evermore with gladness.

Teach us, good Lord, to seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, that all other things may be added unto us. Grant that our spiritual life may this year grow, and bear fruit unto Thy glory. Lord, increase our faith. Make our hope in heavenly things brighter and more enduring; and cause us to know the love of Christ, that we may love Thee with all our soul and strength and mind, and may love our neighbours as ourselves. May the passing years bring us nearer the gate of heaven, and nearer to Thee in Christ.

Impress us, O God, with an abiding sense of the shortness and uncertainty of our lives, and so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Give us grace to redeem the time we have spent in sloth, vanity, and wickedness, by greater earnestness and diligence in the work of preparation for eternity. Grant that as our days are multiplied, our holy resolutions may be strengthened; and that, as we draw ever nearer to the grave, we may constantly grow in our conformity to Thine image, and in our fitness to inherit Thy heavenly kingdom.

Into Thy hands, O God, we commit ourselves, beseeching Thee, who hast blessed us hitherto, to bless us still. Prosper us in our lawful undertakings. Keep us from the evil that is in the world. Prepare us for all events that may befall us. Grant that, whether in prosperity or in adversity, in health or in sickness, in life or in death, we may be upheld and comforted with the assurance that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. And make us to be so rooted and grounded in the faith, and so abundantly fruitful in good works, that in what hour soever our Lord shall come, we may be found of Him in peace, and may receive that crown of righteousness which is laid up for them that love His appearing.

Graciously hear us, O God, and have mercy upon us, for the Lord Jesus' sake. Amen.

FOR A TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS AND MORTALITY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who killest and makest alive, who turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men; we acknowledge the justice of that chastisement with which in Thy providence Thou hast been pleased to visit us; and most humbly do we beseech Thee, for the Redeemer's sake, to have pity upon us, miserable sinners, and in the midst of deserved wrath to remember mercy. Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants. Deliver us from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from the destruction that wasteth at noonday. Keep us in safety, O Lord, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake, and enable us to trust continually in Thee.

Above all, grant that Thy judgments may induce us to search and try our ways, and turn unto the Lord; and that, exercising repentance towards Thee, and faith towards Thy beloved Son, we may be delivered from the plagues of our own evil hearts, saved from everlasting death, and raised to the hope of immortal life and glory, through Jesus Christ, who died for us and rose again; and to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be all honour and praise for ever and ever.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE REMOVAL OF PESTILENCE.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we humbly and heartily acknowledge Thy goodness in withdrawing from us that plague with which for our sins we have been visited. It is of Thy mercies, O Lord, that we are not consumed, and because Thy compassions fail not. Wherefore, we beseech Thee, help us, with grateful hearts and obedient lives, to show forth Thy praise. Suffer us not to be forgetful of the vows which our lips uttered while we were in trouble; but as Thou hast delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling, dispose us to walk before Thee in the land of the living.

Confirm us, O Lord, that we may ever be stedfast in our fidelity to Thee, who hast dealt so mercifully with us. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

Graciously receive the tribute of our thanks-

givings, and grant an answer to our prayers, for the Lord Jesus' sake. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FRIENDS AT HOME.

O LORD, who hast been our dwelling-place in all generations, and hast said that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us, enable us to put our trust in Thee. Though far from the land in which our fathers worshipped Thee, suffer us not to be forgetful of Thy service. Teach us still to acknowledge Thee in all our ways, honouring Thy name, searching Thy word, hallowing Thy Sabbaths, and keeping Thy commandments. Help us to lead a life of faith in Jesus Christ Thy Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

We pray for our friends and relatives at home, that it may please Thee to bless and to protect them. Bestow upon them Thy loving-kindness, which is better than life. May we and they be cheered from time to time with tidings of each other's welfare, and grant, if it be consistent with Thy will, that in Thy good time we may meet again in joy. Be with us and them in all the way that we go, and keep us in all places wheresoever we sojourn. Let Thy wisdom guide us, and Thy grace uphold us. And when the days of our pilgrimage on earth are ended,

grant us an everlasting portion in that better country which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee, through Jesus Christ; in whose name we present our prayers, and unto whom, with Thee, O Father, and with the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory for evermore. Amen.

Prayers for the Use of Fishermen Afloat.

I.

ALMIGHTY and all-merciful God, Creator and Ruler of all things, who holdest the waters in the hollow of Thy hand, hear us, who are pursuing our calling on the great deep, as we lift up our souls unto Thee.

O God, we feel our helplessness before Thee, as we are driven up and down before the tempest and the waves beat in upon us. Our faith is often ready to fail, and we are afraid at the tokens of Thy presence. Lord, we believe—help Thou our unbelief; and enable us by night and day, on sea and land, to trust in Thee.

Preserve us, O heavenly Father, in every hour of peril. Guide us in every course. Keep us from hidden dangers. Prosper us in our work. Supply our daily wants. Teach us to seek first Thy kingdom and

righteousness, that all other things may be added unto us.

O Lord our God, be Thou pleased to bless our homes, and all our dear ones therein. Keep them from fear for us. Give them the loving faith which brings good cheer, and prosper them every day in their labour of life.

Hear, for Christ Jesus' sake, we beseech Thee, O God, and answer us, so that, being blessed by Thee, the Almighty God, we and all ours may have the peace and joy which come by believing, and may at last rest within Thy kingdom for evermore. Amen.

II.

O LORD God Almighty, hear us when now we call on Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. O Thou who hast taught us that Thy way is in the sea and Thy path in the great waters, grant that even now we may, by faith, find Thee, and know Thee to be very near to us. Enable us continually to put our trust in Thee; and be Thou pleased to guard us from danger, to prosper us in our labour of life, and to guide us continually, so that we may be kept from sin and folly, and enabled by Thy grace always to do what is well-pleasing in Thy sight.

O Christ, Thou Saviour of men, who on the

sea of Galilee didst still the tempest by Thy word of power, be pleased to grant us Thy presence, lest our faith do fail in time of peril. Increase our faith, O Lord, in Thee as our Redeemer and our heavenly Friend, and do Thou grant us Thy salvation.

O Holy Spirit, Thou that guidest to the home of the spirits of just men, and into the haven of eternal rest, shed, we pray Thee, Thy heavenly light upon our way. Guide us, lest we miss the track and perish. Strengthen us, lest we faint while watching, and prepare us for the rest that remaineth unto the people of God.

O God, hear our prayers; and unto Thee, with Christ and the Holy Spirit, we would ascribe all honour, and glory, and praise, world without end. Amen.

III.

O LORD God Almighty, who makest the clouds Thy chariot, who walkest upon the wings of the wind, and bindest the floods from overflowing, for Christ's sake be pleased mercifully to protect us, Thy servants, from all peril on the sea. Manifest Thy loving-kindness to us in the daytime, and show forth Thy faithfulness to us every night. Bless us in the labour of our hands, and feed us with food convenient for us.

O God, who alone can give the precious gift of faith, grant unto us power at all times to trust in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In times of storm and peril, grant that our hearts may be fearless, because we know Him who said unto the waves, Peace, be still; and because we trust in Thee, O God our Father, who art the confidence of them that are afar off upon the sea. O God, our hope is in Thee; bless and guide us, now and evermore.

Bless and keep safely all our relatives and friends. Confirm in their hearts a perfect confidence in Thy fatherly care. Remove their doubts, calm their fears, and lift their hearts to Thee, that they may have the blessed peace which comes by believing, and may commit all their care unto Thee, their heavenly Father.

These our humble prayers we offer in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Prayers for Use in a Fisherman's Home.

I.

WHEN THE BOATS ARE ABOUT TO SAIL.

O GOD, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. Thou art He that reigneth over all. Thy throne is established of old: Thou art from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves; but Thou art mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. Thy testimonies are very sure.

We thank Thee, O God, for all Thy goodness; for Thy care over us ever since we had our being; and for Thy good promises, that Thou wilt bless Thy people for evermore.

We desire to commit all our concerns unto Thee, our heavenly Father, and with humble faith to place our dependence on Thee, as Thou hast commanded. Give us therefore, O

Lord, we pray Thee, a true and living faith in Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Saviour. May we have from Thee power to trust in Him and His finished work for us. Enable us, O God, to believe in Him as our Saviour from sin, and the Giver of eternal life, with all its joy and glory.

We thank Thee, O God, for all Thy mercies; and now we humbly pray Thee to guard and keep in safety all our dear ones who are about to leave us and to put to sea. Be with them, O God, during their voyage; prosper them in their calling, and grant that their nets may be full, and that there may be abundance for them and for us. Sustain them amid the hardships of the sea; and as they keep watch by night, be Thou pleased to watch over them in Thy great love, that they may be preserved from danger and kept safe amid the perils of the sea.

In times of storm, O Lord, of Thy great mercy help Thy servants, that they perish not.

Thou hast been pleased in Thy Holy Word to declare that Thou art a refuge from storm and a hiding-place from the wind, and that Thou stayest Thy rough wind in the day of the east wind, and that Thou canst make the storm a calm. O heavenly Father, make good Thy promises to our dear ones. Guard them by Thine almighty power, preserve them amid all the dangers of their calling, and bring them home again to us in safety.

And above all, O God, be pleased to keep them from the perils which beset the soul. Keep them from the company of sinful and foolish men, and in the midst of temptation strengthen them by Thy Holy Spirit, that they may not fall. Preserve them in all honesty, and grant that they may be temperate in all things. Enable them by Thy grace to be sober in conduct, gentle in temper, and pure in speech, that as Thy true children and the followers of Jesus Christ, who called His first disciples from among the fishermen of Galilee, they may be able continually to glorify Thee their God, and may walk worthily of their high calling in Jesus Christ.

Lord our Keeper, watch over us, and over all who are dear to us. Shield us from all harm; keep us from all sin; and whether we sleep or wake, let us live with Thee. Fulfil Thy promise, that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us. Enable us to pass the time of our sojourning in Thy faith, and fear, and love; and when we die, receive us unto Thyself, that we may dwell in Thy presence, and behold Thy face, and sing praises unto Thy name for ever.

Enable the members of this household, we beseech Thee, to be faithful in their appointed duties. And whatsoever they do, dispose them to do it heartily, as unto the Lord and not unto man.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

look with compassion on the sick and the afflicted. Give them support and comfort in their trials; and overrule Thy fatherly chastening to the everlasting welfare of their souls.

These our humble supplications we present in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

II.

WHEN THE BOATS ARE OUT.

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day. Because thou hast made the Lord which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea—our sun and shield, our refuge and defence, the strength of our heart and the rock of our salvation—enable us to put our trust in Thee. Teach us with full assurance to look up to Thee as our reconciled God and Father in Christ Jesus, and graciously remember Thy word unto Thy servants, on which Thou hast caused us to hope, that Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Pardon, O God, whatever want of confidence we have shown towards Thee, and lead us henceforth by the teaching of Thy Holy Spirit to trust in Thee with all our heart. Help us to rely on the goodness of Thy providence. Increase our faith in the promises of Thy Word. Dispose us to cast upon Thee all our cares, humbly to commit to Thy keeping all our interests, and earnestly to seek the guidance of Thy wisdom and the aid of Thy strength in all our undertakings.

Teach us, O God of all grace, wholly to depend on the merciful provisions of Thy Gospel. Counting all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord, may we seek to win Christ, and to be found

in Him, having the righteousness which is by faith. Convince us that without Him we can do nothing, but that through His strength we can do all things. May we be persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear our prayers for our kindred and our friends. Deliver them from evil, preserve them in all good, and bring them to everlasting joy.

And especially, O God, we desire of Thee at this time a blessing for our dear ones who are afar off upon the sea.

We commend them to Thy holy and all-powerful keeping. Be pleased, O God, for Christ's sake, to protect and bless them. In times of peril, O God, be Thou with them to save them. Throughout their days of toil strengthen them and keep them true to Thee. Through their nights of watching, may their confidence be in Thee; and do Thou of Thy mercy watch over them, and suffer them again with gladness to see the morning light. Prosper them in labour. In faith in Thy good providence may they cast their nets, and may their nets be filled as were those of the disciples on the sea of Galilee, with a great multitude of fishes. If it be Thy holy will,

may they have abundance for themselves and for us, and may they rejoice because they can feel that they have Thy blessing upon them.

Take us all into Thy holy keeping. May our faith in Jesus Christ keep us evermore in the way of salvation, and may Thy Holy Spirit sanctify us so that we may always rejoice to do Thy will.

Almighty God, who givest power to the faint and increasest strength to them that have no might, we look to Thee for aid in all our duties and in all our trials. Fulfil to us, now and always, Thy promise, that as our days so shall our strength be. Arm us with might to resist every temptation, and stablish our hearts in every good word and work, that we may stand perfect and complete in Thy will.

Guide us in all that we think and say and do, that all may be to Thy glory.

Guide and strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful to all our responsibilities, honest in all our dealings, and gentle in our communications with all men. May we be able to preserve an even temper and the spirit of Christian charity amid all the anxieties of our business and the trials of our daily life.

O God, who art very pitiful and of tender mercy, look with compassion on all who are afflicted. Heal the sick; provide for the

destitute; deliver the oppressed; prepare the dying for their change.

Prepare us, O God, for every event that may befall us. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Seeing that the time is short, dispose us to weep as though we wept not, to rejoice as though we rejoiced not, to buy as though we possessed not, and to use this world as not abusing it, because the fashion of this world passeth away. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Guide us by Thy counsel while we live, and afterwards receive us into glory.

Graciously hear and answer us, O Lord, according to the fulness of Thy mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

III.

WHEN THERE IS A STORM.

LORD GOD Almighty, our heavenly Father, we come to Thee, imploring Thee to bless us in this time of our anxiety and fear.

Be pleased of Thy mercy to preserve those dear to us, and all others who are in this time of storm in peril on the sea.

All power is in Thy hand, O God, for Thou hast created all things. Thou hast made the earth and the heavens, and the sea is Thine also. Thou causest the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth. Thou makest lightnings for the rain, and bringest forth the wind out of Thy treasuries. Be pleased, therefore, in Thine infinite mercy and almighty power, so to overrule these tokens of Thy presence, that they may not injure us and ours; and grant that in all times of peril our confidence may ever be in Thee, and that no fear may cause us in any way to distrust Thee. May a sense of Thy presence be in us a ground of faith, and may our hope in Thee continue stedfast to the end.

O Christ our Saviour, who hast promised to be with Thy people always, even unto the end, hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, at this time, when we ask for a blessing of pro-

tection and salvation for those exposed to danger in the storm; and as Thou wast pleased to show Thy mighty power on the sea of Galilee, and to save Thy disciples when they cried unto Thee, and to rebuke the wind and the raging of the water, so that they ceased and there was a calm, in like manner now be Thou pleased to cause the storm to cease, and to save Thy servants for whom we pray.

O Holy Spirit, be Thou likewise pleased to manifest Thy power in them, that no matter what befall, they may possess their souls in peace, trusting everything to the mercy and power of God.

O God, who hast prepared for us in heaven a better and more enduring inheritance than can be found on earth, dispose us to seek those things which are above; and enable us so to look at the things which are unseen and eternal, that we may bear patiently all present hardships, and may reckon them unworthy to be compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in us.

Merciful Father, who hast given Thine own Son to be the propitiation for our sins, grant us, for His sake, Thy mercy to forgive us and Thy grace to help us. Pardon all the defects of our love to Thee, and all the excess of our love for earthly things. Turn our inclinations and affections from those vain objects which would draw away our hearts

from Thee. Give to us clear views of Thine excellency, and impress us with a lively sense of Thy goodness. Above all, teach us to comprehend, with all saints, the breadth, and length, and depth, and height of Thy love towards us in Jesus Christ.

Graciously hear and answer us, O Lord, according to the fulness of Thy mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

IV.

THANKSGIVING FOR SAFE RETURN FROM THE FISHING.

"Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever."

Let us Pray.

HEAR our prayers, O Lord, and accept our thanksgivings for all Thy mercies, renewed to us and to all men every day, and especially for Thine infinite love, sealed to us in the life and death of Jesus Christ our Lord, and promised to all the faithful for evermore.

We confess that we have not always remembered Thee. While we have been receiv-

ing Thy blessings, we have forgotten Thee. While we have been living by Thy mercy, we have broken Thy law. While Thy protection has been the very safety of our lives, we have lived carelessly and sinfully. O our God, have mercy upon us for Christ's sake. For His sake pardon these our sins and follies, and grant that Thy Holy Spirit may so sanctify our souls and bodies that we may be able to serve Thee here upon the earth, and may at last be made partakers of the heavenly glory.

We desire to thank Thee now for our temporal mercies; for life and health; for happy homes and loving friends; for power to think and strength to labour; for food and raiment; and for every other blessing received at Thy hand.

And specially at this time we give Thee thanks, O most merciful God, for Thy great goodness to those of our relatives and friends who have returned to us in safety. We thank Thee that Thou hast been pleased to preserve them amid all dangers of the sea, and that Thou hast given them strength to endure all the hardships of their perilous calling. We would stir up our hearts, and all that is within us, to praise and magnify Thy name, O God, for all Thy goodness to us and ours.

We render thanks, above all, for the gift of Christ, through whom alone we, who are

Thine unworthy children, receive these blessings; and we humbly ask Thee, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, to continue Thy goodness unto us and to bless us still, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour, to whom with Thee and with the Holy Spirit be all praise, world without end. Amen.

Select Portions from the Old Testament

WHICH MAY BE USED IN THE SERVICES CONTAINED IN THIS BOOK.

I.

Exodus xiv.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.

For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.

And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the Lord. And they did so.

And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?

And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him:

And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.

And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand.

But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord.

And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better

for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will show to you to-day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward.

But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it; and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave

light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians.

And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians: and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea-shore.

And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses.

II.

1 Chronicles xvi. 7-36.

THEN on that day David delivered first this psalm, to thank the Lord, into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people.

Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him, talk ye of all His wondrous works.

Glory ye in His holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually.

Remember His marvellous works that He hath done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth;

O ye seed of Israel His servant, ye children of Jacob, His chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

Be ye mindful always of His covenant, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations;

Even of the covenant which He made with Abraham, and of His oath unto Isaac;

And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,

Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;

When ye were but few, even a few, and strangers in it.

And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people,

He suffered no man to do them wrong; yea, He reproved kings for their sakes,

Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; show forth from day to day His salvation.

Declare His glory among the heathen; His marvellous works among all nations.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be

praised: He also is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the people are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

Glory and honour are in His presence; strength and gladness are in His place.

Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come before Him; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Fear before Him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.

Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord, because He cometh to judge the earth.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to Thy holy name, and glory in Thy praise.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the Lord.

III.

Psalm xcvi.

O SING unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: He is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth.

Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: He shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is

therein; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice.

Before the Lord; for He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth: He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth.

IV.

Psalm cxxxv.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God,

Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto His name; for it is pleasant.

For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto Himself, and Israel for His peculiar treasure.

For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: He maketh lightnings for the rain: He bringeth the wind out of His treasuries.

Who smote the first-born of Egypt, both of man and beast.

Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;

Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:

And gave their land for an heritage, an heritage unto Israel His people.

Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever; and Thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.

For the Lord will judge His people, and He will repent Himself concerning His servants.

The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;

They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths.

They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.

Bless the Lord, O house of Israel: bless the Lord, O house of Aaron:

Bless the Lord, O house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

V.

Psalm cvii.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.

And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High:

Therefore He brought down their heart with labour: they fell down, and there was none to help.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses.

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

For He hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

Fools, because of their transgression and because of their iniquities, are afflicted:

Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses.

He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep.

For He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so He bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.

He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water-springs into dry ground;

A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs.

And there He maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly, and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

Yet setteth He the poor on high from affliction, and maketh Him families like a flock.

The righteous shall see it, and rejoice; and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

VI.

Isaiah xlii. 1-12.

BEHOLD my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my Spirit upon Him; He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench: He shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for His law.

Thus saith God the Lord, He that created

the heavens, and stretched them out; He that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; He that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

I the Lord have called Thee in righteousness, and will hold Thine hand, and will keep Thee, and give Thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles.

To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

I am the Lord; that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and inhabitants thereof.

Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare His praise in the islands.

Select Portions from the New Testament

WHICH MAY BE USED IN THE SERVICES CONTAINED IN THIS BOOK.

I.

MATTHEW VI. 19-34.

LAY not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the

light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you, by taking thought, can add one cubit unto his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek;) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

II.

Luke viii. 4-25.

AND when much people were gathered together, and were come to Him out of every city, He spake by a parable:

A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way-side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundred-fold. And when He had said these things, He cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

And His disciples asked Him, saying, What might this parable be?

And He said, Unto you it is given to know

the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Those by the way-side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.

For nothing is secret that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid that shall not be known and come abroad.

Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

Then came to Him His mother and His brethren, and could not come at Him for the press.

And it was told Him by certain, which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see Thee.

And He answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God and do it.

Now it came to pass on a certain day, that He went into a ship with His disciples: and He said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

But as they sailed He fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy.

And they came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, Master, master, we perish! Then He arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

And He said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for He commandeth even the winds and the water, and they obey Him.

III.

Acts xxvii.

AND when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band.

And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; one Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.

And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Crete, over against Salmone;

And, hardly passing it, came unto a place

which is called the Fair Havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them.

And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, and there to winter; which is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south-west and north-west.

And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete.

But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive.

And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat:

Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship;

And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Cesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country;

And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms:

and when they had gone a little farther, they sounded again, and found it fifteen fathoms.

Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,

Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.

And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

Wherefore I pray you to take some meat; for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.

Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat.

And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.

And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the rudder-bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground: and the fore part stuck fast and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land:

And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

IV.

Colossians iii. 1-17.

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.

In the which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them.

But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him:

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering;

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

V.

1 John iii.

BEHOLD what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God! therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.

Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him.

Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous.

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer:

and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed, and in truth.

And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us.

VI.

Revelation xxi.

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the

abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

And there came unto me one of the seven angels, which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

On the east, three gates; on the north, three gates; on the south, three gates; and on the west, three gates.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

And the city lieth four-square, and the

length is as large as the breadth. And he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length, and the breadth, and the height of it are equal.

And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald:

The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved

shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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